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MEMORANDUM FOR: Maj. Gen. Harry E. Soyster  
Commanding General  
U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command

25X1 SUBJECT: Establishment of FBIS Bureau in Augsburg, Germany [REDACTED]

25X1 REFERENCES: A. FBIS Msg. DTG 022116Z, Jul 86, SAB [REDACTED]  
B. CDR INSCOM MSG DTG 141530Z, Jul 86 [REDACTED]

25X1 1. This memorandum is intended to supply you with the background of reference message A above and propose in Paragraph 7 a course of action. I very much appreciate your willingness to concur in the visit of DD/FBIS to the U.S. Army field station in Augsburg and to advise you that according to [REDACTED] the visit went off smoothly. He appreciates the hospitality and attention granted him by Col. Charles S. Simerly and the others who attended the briefing session in Augsburg on 21 July. Here follows the background data leading to the proposal in Paragraph 7.

25X1 [REDACTED]

2. FBIS is an overt organization within the Central Intelligence Agency. Its mission is to collect, translate, and disseminate intelligence derived from public foreign media transmissions. This mission is carried out worldwide by monitoring radio broadcasts, television, and signals radiated by satellites. Typically our facilities are equipped with the necessary antenna fields, receivers, and other monitoring technical equipment to support the intercept and collection of target transmissions. This information is transmitted and processed by a staff of linguists and editorial specialists, formatted for dissemination, and distributed to various consumers. These consumers include a variety of military commands, and many government offices spanning numerous agencies. [REDACTED]

25X1 3. FBIS activities are conducted from a variety of physical sites dictated by conditions in the various countries and technical constraints. The range of facilities extends from a full antenna field and operations building located on a military base to a complete operation housed on civilian land with FBIS ownership. Past experience has shown that your Army sites have excellent hearability. [REDACTED]

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25X1 [REDACTED] It is obviously very much in the government's best interest to locate this proposed facility on an

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25X1 existing site, if at all possible. Not only would such a plan save significant amounts of money but, in addition, provide security well beyond that which would be achieved at a civilian site.

4. Preliminary discussions between my engineering staff and DESLOG Fixed Station Engineering of your command have indicated that there appear to be no technical problems with our proposed facility. However, I feel that you should have complete insight into the FBIS requirements in order to best assess other considerations that may be present. FBIS is seeking the following:

a. 10-15 acres preferably within the perimeter of a military establishment. The land would house an operations building and the necessary antenna complex. Total management and funding for building renovation or new construction would be borne by FBIS.

25X1  b. The ability to operate this overt facility with a staff of  personnel, approximately 30% of which would be American FBIS staff. The remainder would be local hirees. Access to and from the site as far as security is concerned would be in conformance with your local/HQ procedures.

c. Physical support from the Field Station will be limited to water, sewer, and commercial power. The approximate power load is 350 KW. FBIS would, of course, reimburse the local command under an Interservice Support Agreement. Emergency tech power would be provided by an FBIS-supplied generator.

25X1 d. FBIS is prepared to bear the cost of security constraints such as fencing off the proposed facility from the parent Field Station if you deem this necessary.

25X1 5. If your local command were to concur with FBIS receiving feeds from your multiport AN/FLR-9 antenna, then our land requirements would be greatly reduced. FBIS would, of course, bear the cost of such feeds and ensure that the technical integrity of the antenna is maintained during connection.

25X1 6. FBIS would, of course, be most happy to share with your command the data it collects if it proves to be valuable to you. This is in the same spirit of cooperation that our two Agencies have historically enjoyed.

25X1 7.  advises me that Col. Simerly indicated certain areas that potentially could be made available to FBIS. Recognizing your command has a much more global view of your requirements I propose,

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25X1 at your convenience, [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] As part of these  
discussions, I would be prepared to provide you and your staff a  
25X1 detailed briefing on our proposed operation. [redacted]  
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[redacted]

Director

Attachments

- A. FBIS Msg. DTG 022116Z,
- B. CDR INSCOM MSG DTG 141530Z

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